Medicine for reducing the lipid level in the blood

†2806. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to Government study, the scientists engaged in the research have recently invented a new medicine to lessen the content of lipid and sugar in the blood;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) According to the Indian Council of Medical Research, a project funded by the Council in the Deptt. of Biochemistry, University College of Medical Science, Delhi has succeeded in isolating an active hypoglycemic compound from the pulp of black plum fruit Jamun. The four compounds isolated from the pulp when tested in animals have been found to reduce blood sugar. As this new product also reduces the blood level of cholesterol, it may prove to be effective in Diabetes mellitus, especially those having associated heart diseases. According to the Council, US patent has been granted for this and application for Indian patent has been filed. Toxicological studies have been carried out. It can be made available for treatment only after proving the safety and efficacy of the compounds in clinical trials and technology transfer.

ASHAs in Madhya Pradesh

†2807. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that near about three lakhs health workers (ASHAs) have been appointed in 18 States of the country;

(b) if so, the number of ASHAs appointed out of this in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) the details of wages and other facilities being provided per month to these newly appointed ASHAs; and

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